

# Saint Mary's

# Saint Catharine of Siena Parish



**250 S. 12th Street  
Reading, PA 19602**

## ST. MARY'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
Sunday : 10:30 a.m.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 2:45 -3:15 p.m. in the Church. Otherwise, by appointment only

**Parish Website:** [www.stmaryrdg.com](http://www.stmaryrdg.com)  
If you need assistance please call 610-779-4005.

### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Brian M. Miller, M.A., Pastor  
Rev. Matthew J. Kuna, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Craig Fry  
Deacon John Stapleton  
Deacon Gregory Schneider  
Mrs. Marcella Kraycik, Principal  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. T. Smith, Pastor Emeritus

### Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct Line: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment: Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S.  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
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**4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606**

## ST. CATHARINE'S REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - Church  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 - Church  
Daily: Monday - Friday - 7:15 a.m. - Chapel  
8:20 a.m. School Mass (Friday)

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. in the Church  
otherwise, by appointment only.

**PARISH CENTER:** 2427 Perkiomen Avenue  
Phone: 610-779-4005, FAX: 610-779-0859  
Parish Website: [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)  
Parish Email: [saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com](mailto:saintcatharineofreading@gmail.com)

**ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL:** 2330 Perkiomen Avenue  
Phone: 610-779-5810 • [www.scsreading.org](http://www.scsreading.org)

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Phone: 610-779-5810

**Please mail all your correspondence to the Parish Center,  
2427 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19606**

### St. Catharine of Siena Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, as brothers and sisters in Christ guided by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and inspired by the works of our patron saint proclaim a desire to grow in our Roman Catholic faith through holiness and a willingness to serve the members of our parish family and community.

**Saint Mary's News**

Saturday, October 21st - 3:30 p.m. - Michael Setley  
Sunday, October 22nd - 10:30 a.m. - Raymond G. Podguski  
Saturday, October 28th - 3:30 p.m. - Della Chmielewski  
Sunday, October 29th - 10:30 a.m. - Patrick A. Floriani

Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's on Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the request of a parishioner. All are welcome.

Starting the week of November 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 13th.



We are very grateful for the gift of the flag that is flying at the Church property in memory of Robert Schock. Robert served our country in World War II. We are honored by this gift from his family.



**2023 Christmas Boutique**

Friday, November 17 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday, November 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy great Christmas Shopping and Fine Foods!  
NEW for 2023!

Boutique Bonanza Prizes

- FIRST: \$1,000 CASH!
- SECOND: Philadelphia Eagles Merchandise with a \$500 Gift Card to STUB HUB ...use for sporting, theatre or music events!
- THIRD: iRobot Roomba with WiFi
- FOURTH: Apple Watch

Raffle Tickets will be in the bulletins the weekend of Oct. 28/29

NEW for 2023!

ANGELORUM Cathedral Choir  
Beverly McDevitt will present her new choral group in a holiday concert in the church on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.



Father Miller's Bible Study Dates  
6:30 p.m. - Church  
Wednesday, October 25th  
Monday, October 30th  
Wednesday, November 8th  
Tuesday, November 21st  
Wednesday, November 29th

Deacon JV has the opportunity to go to Rome with the Seminary in March for his Priesthood Preparation Retreat. If you would like to donate, please make the check payable to St. Catharine's and put Deacon's name in the memo line.



**Is 45:1, 4-6:** For the sake of the Israelites, the Lord calls Cyrus. He gives him a title. It is the Lord who arms him, and through him all people will know that there is only one Lord.

**1 Thes 1:1-5b:** Paul writes to the Thessalonians to encourage them. He prays for them constantly as they prove their faith through works of love, for God has chosen them.

**Mt 22:15-21:** The Pharisees try to confound Jesus. They ask about possible conflict of giving tribute to Caesar and God. Jesus asks for a coin which has Caesar's inscription. Jesus responds that both Caesar and God should each be given his due.

**Today's Message:** The Lord is king and there is no other. We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due. God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY – after 7:30 & 9:30 Masses – Social Hall

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS – 7:00 -8:00 p.m. - Chapel**

CUB SCOUTS MEETING – 6:30 p.m. – Social Hall

LIFE AFTER LOSS – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Center

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE – 6:30 p.m. – Church

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 3 p.m.**

CONFIRMATION – 4:30 p.m. - Church

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.

PREP – 6:30-8:00 p.m. – School

FR. MILLER'S BIBLE STUDY – 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Church

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.

PRAY THE ROSARY – 6:45 a.m. – Chapel

RCIA – 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – following the 7:15 Mass until 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

PRAY THE ROSARY – 7:30 a.m. – Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

4:30 Knights of Columbus Council #14880

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

7:30 Deceased Members of the Horrigan & Kreisher

Families

9:30 Melissa Floresca

11:30 Joseph Lintz

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

7:15 Russel Hartman

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

7:15 David & Sandra Rickert (42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

7:15 Richard Wentzel

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

7:15 Steven Mitchell Mobley

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

7:15 Carol A. Heller (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

8:00 Elizabeth Houlihan

4:30 Bill & Maria Bunch (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

7:30 John S. Palkon

9:30 Robert Bechtel, Sr.

11:30 Stanley Sajdak (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

**Scripture Readings**

**For the Week of October 22, 2023**

**Sunday**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**Monday**

**Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest**

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday**

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday**

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday**

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday**

**Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Sunday**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

*We pray for the Gift of Peace* in the world and the safety of those working for peace through the military services, especially: Cpl. Bruce Bogertey, SPC, Alex Heintz, Captain Chelsea Pellicano, Airman Ethan Kosmoski, LTJG Nicholas Tomczyk, Captain Steffan Lis, MD, SPC, Dylan Einfalt, Airman 1st Class Kevin Hodgson, Sgt. Madison Straka, First Lt. Devon Schoonover, Sgt. Mackenzie Adame, Lance Corporal Connor A. Soja, Staff Sgt. Brian Perrotto, Captain Anthony Bennett, Tom Bristol, Danny Bristol, Commander Daniel M. Simon, Staff Sgt. Michael Porcaro, Staff Sgt. Zak Ribble, Staff Sgt. Timothy Hinsey, Thomas Bristol, Col. Patrick Sullivan, Second Lt. Joshua Kline, Captain Kevin Madary, Sgt. First Class Andrew Spies, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Brizek, Warrant Officer Gregory Van Horn, Major Jeffrey Van Horn, Zachary Deissler, Amy & Gregory Boland, Lt. Col. Adam Sawyer, Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Sola, Lt. Cdr. Mathew Stuber, Sgt. Nathan Essig. **Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or email them to [dsitler@comcast.net](mailto:dsitler@comcast.net).**

For the week of October 22nd

The Sanctuary Candle  
will burn In  
Loving Memory of

St. Catharine's Church - David &  
Julia Hafer

St. Catharine's Chapel - Rev.  
George Winne

St. Mary's - Living & Deceased  
Members of the Parish



**PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

Monday 10/23	Rev. Christopher M. Zelonis
Tuesday 10/24	Rev. Msgr. Edward S. Zemanik
Wednesday 10/25	Rev. George Osei Ababio
Thursday 10/26	Rev. Jojappa Adagatla, M.S.C.
Friday 10/27	Rev. Luke Anderson, O. Cist.
Saturday 10/28	Rev. Robert A. Anthony, M.S.C.

**Catholic Trivia**

Question: Which Pope had the personal motto *Totus Tuus* (All to Mary)?

- A. Pope Benedict XVI
- B. Pope John Paul II
- C. Pope Pius XII
- D. Pope Clement XII

Answer on page 6



Thank you very much to the parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous for donating the portrait of the "Divine Mercy" It is located by the confessionals.



**THANK YOU TO ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL 2023 WALK-A-THON SPONSORS**



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

REV. BRIAN MILLER, PASTOR AND REV. MATTHEW KUNA, PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, SCHOOL BOARD OF SCS, AND THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS:

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- ROSSI MECHANICAL SERVICES
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- SUNNY'S CAR WASH
- TINY TIM AND ASSOCIATES

**OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED**

St. Catharine's Family of Faith lovingly extends to you an invitation to gather with your sisters and brothers who support, sustain and encourage each other in the tender love of the Lord. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. Healing comes, however, our hearts are touched by the hand of the Lord. On Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Church St. Catharine's Family beckons you to share with us in a Memorial Mass of love and remembrance of your dearly departed family members.

If you have lost a family member during the 2023 year, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory or place in the collection basket no later than Sunday, October 29th.

**OUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED**

Name of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Person requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend \_\_\_\_\_

I will not attend \_\_\_\_\_



**Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**a time to be born... Recently Baptized:**

**Please pray for our sick:** Karin Acuna, Anthony Antonucci, Elizabeth Ashton, Baby Lanzo, Maura Barrasso, Melody Bechtel, Gene Bellus, Jason Beshore, Jodi Bixler, Michele Boucher, Joanne Bowman, Katie Briggs, Frank Broga, Sophia Broga, Paul Brooke, Renee Brzostek, Marvin Bush, Pauline Cappel, Richard Cunnius, Larry Curtin, Cyril Danko, Tamara Danko, George Dietrich, Janet Dodge, Roseanne Dougherty, Andy Dykie, Gina Ebright, Martin Eisenhower, Charles Elchlepp, Joe Essig, Robert Flipping, Chris Fry, Geraldine Gamby, Michael Gantert, Todd Gladfelter, Theresa Grabowski, Lydia Griffith, David J. Gulati II, Doris Harner, Al Heck, Mary & Wayne Hedrick, Robyn Hefferan, Carol Heft, Theresa Heltzinger, Patricia Herber, Curtis S. Hill, Jesse Hill, Roger

Hilton, James Hett, Michael Hivner, Carolyn Hoffman, Chuck Holt, Margaret Iuso, Katelynn Solecki Kajunski, Nikki Lyn Kells, Judith M. Koch, Rev. David Kohut, OFM, John Kompa, Deb Kothgasser, Rosemarie Kovacs, Doug Kroener, Dorothy Kulak, Walter LaSota, Darryl Larish, William Lawson, Alma Lonergan, Del Long, Jane Lubas, Joan Lubas, Rosemary Ludwig, Maryann Marino, Joanne Marnell, Angela Marroccoli, Greg & Kevin Masters, Daniel Matz, Cindy McConnell, Peggy McConnell, Mary Rita McFadden, Tim McNeil, Katherine Miceli, Lannie Milillo, Cynthia Mitchell, Robert Moyer, Madeline Mullen, Jerome Nigh, Maddie Nordhoy, Angela Biscanti Ondik, Peggy Pacharis, Frank Pingitore, Donald Pisker, Michael Poserina, Chuck Rackie, Lorraine Ransom, Rich Readinger, Peggy Reid, Aneliese Robinson, Raven Robinson, David Samsel, Barbara Santoro, Anne Schaeffer, Jeffrey Schloder, Earl Sheetz, Carolyn Schott, Gabbie Sierra, Vincent Skimski, Joan Skoczen, Tyler Skoczen, Henry and Mary Jane Skowron, Harvey Snyder, Louise Souders, Barbara Spatz, Andy Strangarity, Earl Suchomelly, Kimberly Trigstead, Jeff Trojanowski, Maureen Truckly, Janet Ustaszewski, Rex Voelker, Chad Vogel, Alan Wachowicz, Alexandra Wachowicz, Dave Walter, Mark Walter, Pam Weber, Frank White, Noel Yapsuga, Susan Yapsuga, Kathleen Zagar, Ann Marie Zawislak, John Ziemba, Mollie Ziemba, Dan Zielinski, Mary Ann Zimmerman **A Time to die: Jeffrey Schloder**, (husband of Carol Schloder) & all victims of war, and the 4,100 daily abortions. Ecclesiastes 3:11

**To have someone from your family enrolled on our prayer list, please call the Parish Center. Parishioners who are sick or hospitalized, in a rehabilitation facility or at home wishing to receive the Holy Eucharist may call the Parish at 610-779-4005.**

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**Parish Nurse News** - Restorative circles are like meetings where each person in the circle contributes an opinion on the incident discussed and a possible solution. Repair the damage, rather than punish the offender, is one theme. This theory is applied in justice systems and schools-it can promote healthy bonding and strengthen families as well! (IIRP. 2019. Costello, Wachtel, Wachtel).

**The Saint Catharine of Siena School Advisory Board** is looking for new members! Parishioners (21 and older), if you are looking for a way to give back and are passionate about Catholic Education, we encourage you to apply. Please email Mrs. Marcella Kracyk [mkracyk@scsreading.org](mailto:mkracyk@scsreading.org) for an application. Questions about this ministry? Email Mindy Anderson [melinda.e.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:melinda.e.anderson@gmail.com). Thank you for considering this ministry!

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive**  
**(sponsored by Schwarzwald Lutheran Church)**  
**To Benefit the Exeter Area Food Pantry**

St. Catharine of Siena has agreed to join all our local Churches in collecting toys for the children of the Exeter Area Food Pantry. All toys collected will benefit local children in need. Parents will select toys for their children on December 8, 2023. A toy collection box will placed in your building in October. We ask that you consider purchasing NEW toys, books, games, puzzles, hats, mittens, scarves, socks etc. (for ages infant through age 13) and place them in the box between before December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also seeking gift sets for the older children (14-18). Art sets, shaving sets, nail care sets, hair care sets, etc. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Doris Jaeger (610-780-9825) or Diane Hafer (Secretary of Schwarzwald Lutheran Church at 610-779-3480)





A huge thank you to St. Catharine of Siena Parishioners and Visitors who generously contributed to our Walk-A-Thon Collection the weekend of October 14th and 15th. Because of you and your generosity, we were able to add an astonishing \$1800 to our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser goal. Your donations will help pay for a new HVAC System, safety items, curricular items, and some fun recess yard

equipment for large muscle development.

Thank you, students (Audrey, Isaac, Lachlan, Owen, Aura, Gabby, Anelfy, Audrey, and Vincent) and Father Miller and Father Kuna for donating your AMAZING collection services!

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you. Saint Catharine of Siena, pray for us!



Join our team of faith-filled professionals...

Looking to return to the classroom after being home on family leave? Looking to return to the classroom from retirement? Looking to work in an innovative, exciting, and faith-filled environment? Then Saint Catharine of Siena is the place for you! Join our excellent team of faith-filled, dedicated, and professional educators. Saint Catharine of Siena is accepting applications for:

**Classroom Aides, Science teacher:** Strong knowledge of scientific concepts and principles- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills- Ability to engage and inspire students in the learning process- Proficiency in instructional design methods and techniques Effective behavior management strategies Strong organizational and time management skills Ability to adapt teaching methods to meet diverse student needs Proficiency in using technology for instructional purposes

This science teacher position offers a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students while fostering their love for science. If you are passionate about education, research, and mentoring, we encourage you to apply.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in working with our students, please reach out and share this posting. We need your help spreading the word. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for our need. Please send resume, all clearances, references, and certifications to [Mkraycik@scsreading.org](mailto:Mkraycik@scsreading.org) or mail to 2330 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA

**Catholic Trivia ANSWER: B.-** Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours," was the motto of Pope Saint John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. On October 16, 1978, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, was elected the 263rd successor to Saint Peter and chose the name John Paul II in honor of Pope John Paul I who had just died after only 33 days as Pope. His coat of arms included a Marian Cross. Pope John Paul II was the youngest pope in over a century. He was shot in an assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square in May 1981 and visited and forgave his shooter soon after. He attributed his survival to the protection of Mary. He convened the first World Youth Day in 1987; wrote many encyclicals during his twenty-six-year pontificate; and visited over 129 countries including the United States. He died on April 2, 2005, was beatified in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, and was canonized in 2014 by Pope Francis. Some of his most famous quotes include: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."; "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."; "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."; "It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you"; and "God has assigned as a duty to every man the dignity of every woman."

**The 2024 Mass Book is open. In person requests will not be taken during this time.** Please write out your requests (Include the intention, requested by, and date. Also include your name and contact information and a check for the amount due). You can mail, drop them off at the Parish Center or put them in the collection basket. Requests will be dated upon arrival and will be honored to the best of our ability. The **Mass form** will be available on the tables in the Gathering area **and will be also available online.** If possible, indicate an alternate date in case your first choice is not available. The offering for each intention is \$10. **You may request *\*\*two\*\** Mass intentions per deceased; one of which will may be a weekend Mass.** The Office will put the Mass Intentions in the Mass Book and send you a copy. **If we have any questions concerning your requests, we will call you.** If you have any questions prior to sending in your request, please call the Parish Center between 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday through Friday at 610-779-4005. **If you are handicapped or a shut-in, please call the Office and we will help you.**

## 50 Plus News

Please call, President, Kathleen Zagar, for any 50+ club inquiries. Her phone number is 610-698-3289. You can see us on Facebook for additional information.

### Meetings

**November 1, 2023 -** John Vogel will be discussing Medicare Updates. Members may bring their favorite soup in a crockpot, identifying the soup on a small card.

**December 6, 2023- 12:00 noon -** 50+ Club's Christmas party at the Doubletree. \$35 for members and \$37 for nonmembers. Christmas party flyers will be available at the November 1st, 50+ club meeting. Please call Janina at, 215-644-7396 for reservations.

**April 18-21: Parade of Nations and Virginia International Tattoo - \$770 per person double occupancy (The Virginia International Tattoo incorporates groups from around the world, including acrobats, choral groups, and precision military drill teams.) Please call Pat White at 610-582-1437 for trip information.** Trip reservations/ down payment deposits are currently being taken by Pat White, \$200 per person. Check should be made payable to St Catharine's 50+ club.

Please call Maria Bunch at 610-914-7005 with the name of members who are sick or have died. **We always welcome new members and encourage guests to join us at any of our meetings. Our meetings are held at 1:00 PM on the first Wednesday of most months at Saint Catharine's Social Hall. There will be no meetings during the special events' months of April, August, and December.**